

SENATE FISH AND GAME  
EXHIBIT NO. 14  
DATE 2-12-13  
BILL NO. SB 249

**Westman Family comment on SB-249  
Senate Fish & Game Committee**

**The Westman Family would like to go on record as Opposing this piece of Legislation.**

- This bill seems to be nothing more than another means of removing the jurisdiction of our FWP and the FWP Commission. FWP is the trustee of our public owned fish and wildlife resources.
- This is nothing more than a wolf in sheep's clothing bill, this bill barely contains it's hatred of the wolf.
- The Westman Family firmly believes the wolf, and other large predators are valued species of wildlife, we have been involved in decisions to manage these as we have in other wildlife such as big game species.
- The power contained in this bill removes the effectiveness of our present laws dealing with large predators and big game species as well.
- This bill would set in motion the "at will of the local/county governing body", we believe this would land wolves back onto the Endangered Species List, an action Montana doesn't need or want.

**In closing the Westman Family would like to reiterate our Opposition to this bill.**

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